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SUBJECT: HIRC PASSES RESOLUTION SEEKING TESTIMONY BY
KIM DONG-JO

1. FOLLOWING COMPROMISE DRAFTING SESSION BY FIVE DELEGATED
MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
LATE MAY 23, WHICH WAS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN BY HOUSE
ETHICS COMMITTEE DEPUTY SPECIAL COUNSEL PETER WHITE, THE
HIRC UNANIMOUSLY PASSED (31 - O) THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION
ON THE MORNING OF MAY 24. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ACTION ON
THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE UNTIL AFTER MEMORIAL DAY. BY SEPTTEL
WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH SUMMARY OF COMMENTS TO THE PRESS
BY CHAIRMAN ZABLOCKI AND PETER WHITE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
COMMITTEE ADJOURNMENT.

2. BEGIN TEXT

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1194 (AS AMENDED)
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(A) WHEREAS THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN H.RES. 868,
ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY ON OCTOBER 31, 1977, STATED THAT
QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA SHOULD
COOPERATE FULLY AND WITHOUT RESERVATION WITH THE COMMITTEE
ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT AND WITH ITS SPECIAL

COUNSEL TO PROVIDE COMPLETE ACCESS TO ALL FACTS RELEVANT TO UNQUOTE THE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY THAT COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO H . RES. 252, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 9, 1977;

(B) WHEREAS INFORMATION MADE PUBLIC AT HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THAT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHES THAT THE INVESTIGATION CANNOT BE COMPLETED WITH REGARD TO SOME PERSONS WITHOUT THE TESTIMONY OF KIM DONG JO, A FORMER AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO THE UNITED STATES WHO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT CERTAIN FACTS CENTRAL TO THE COMMITTEE'S INQUIRY;

(C) WHEREAS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS NOT COOPERATED FULLY WITH THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT IN ITS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THE TESTIMONY OF KIM DONG JO;

(D) WHEREAS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS INTERDEPENDENT AND DEPENDS UPON MUTUAL TRUST AND FULL COOPERATION IN ALL ASPECTS OF THAT RELATIONSHIP;

(E) WHEREAS THE HOUSE SEEKS TO OBTAIN THE TESTIMONY OF KIM DONG JO CONSISTENT WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PRACTICE; AND

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(F) WHEREAS A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION IS NECESSARY FOR THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT TO DISCHARGE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND IS INDISPENSABLE TO THE FULFILLMENT OF THE OBLIGATIONS OF THEHOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE PUBLIC: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

(G) RESOLVED, THAT IT IS THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF COMITY BETWEEN ALLIES, SHOULD COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT AND ITS SPECIAL COUNSEL IN THE EFFORTS OF THAT COMMITTEE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION, WHICH IS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE INVESTIGATION REQUIRED BY H.RES. 252, FROM KIM DONG JO UNDER OATH, AFFIRMATION, OR COMPARABLE MEANS OF ASSURING RELIABILITY WHICH ARE SATISFACTORY TO THAT COMMITTEE.

(H) SEC. 2. IF KIM DONG JO SH LD REFUSE TO PROVIDE AT AN EARLY DATE THE INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR THAT INVESTIGATION, THEHOUSE, WHEN CONSIDERING ANY PROPOSED APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR NONMILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, WILL REGARD SUCH REFUSAL AS OF SERIOUS

CONSEQUENCE FOR UNITED STATES-KOREAN RELATIONS AND WILL BE

PREPARED TO DENY OR REDUCE SUCH ASSISTANCE UNLESS IT
FINDS THAT SUCH A DENIAL OR REDUCTION WOULD HARM THE
NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES OR IMPERIL THE
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

(I) SEC. 3. IT IS THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THAT THE DENIAL OR REDUCTION OF NONMILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WOULD NOT, AT THE PRESENT TIME, HARM
THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES OR IMPERIL THE
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.
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